

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FACILITATING A DISTRIBUTED SEARCH OF LOCAL AND REMOTE SYSTEMS

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ABSTRACT

10 A system and method for performing a distributed search in response to a user
request. In response to a search request received from a user at a local server, a
request is spawned and transmitted to a remote site to search information at the
remote site. Substantially in parallel with the remote search request, a search of
15 local resources (e.g., catalog of products/services) is initiated. At the remote site
(e.g., an electronic marketplace), the search is conducted in the proper context for
the user (e.g., user identity, language, organization) and the results are returned to
the local server. The local server merges the local and remote search results,
applies any desired business logic (e.g., to screen the results by price, description
20 or other criteria) and provides a uniform display to the user.